

**COTUIT FIRE DISTRICT  
PRUDENTIAL COMMITTEE MEETING  
FREEDOM HALL  
978 MAIN STREET  
COTUIT, MA 02635  
AUGUST 10, 2023**

**Present: Ray Pirrone, Treasurer, Seth Burdick, Prudential Committee, Fran Parks, Prudential Committee.**

The meeting was called to order at 6 PM by Fran Parks on August 10, 2023 at Freedom Hall, 976 Main Street, Cotuit.

Fran Parks led the Committee in the Pledge of Allegiance.

There was no public comment at this time.

Fran Parks reports that the school can not be used for the meeting so it will be moved to Freedom Hall. Fran had a few questions on running the meeting. She reported that Mark Lynch wants to do a PowerPoint presentation for the Prudential Committee and Kevin Conley wants to do one for the Fire Department and she had heard nothing from the Water Department. She asks if questions should be asked after each presentation or after all. She believes public comment should be capped at 3 minutes and after everyone has had a turn then they be allowed another two minutes. Fran said she put a maximum of 15 minutes per presentation. She asks Seth what he thinks. He was in agreement with the presentation and public comment time limits. He believes questions should come after each presentation and Fran was fine with that. Fran said help will be needed to set up the Hall.

The Civic Association will record the meeting so the Prudential Committee will not need to hire anyone to record the meeting.

There were three questions in the chat. First, Dave Anthony, Facilities Manager of the Town said school was in good shape what reason did the Town give for not allowing use? The two major reasons are the Building Inspector and Board of Health deemed the building unfit. They listed the no emergency lighting, exit sign, mold and ventilation system not adequate. Second, if someone has presentation three minutes is not much time to explain it. Fran said if someone has a presentation it must be more than just, we need it. It should present the cost of the project, how it will be funded and how to get the building habitable. The third question was about the amount of time given to come up with solutions on such a complex issue. Fran Parks said we must start somewhere. The group representing the community center will be pulling on a presentation.

John Gardner wanted to know if he is needed at the meeting. Fran Parks said yes because they need someone to oversee the meeting, enforce the time limits set and keep people on topic because this is an important issue. John wanted to know if anyone could speak or is it limited to residents. Fran said this a

public meeting and anyone could speak. John asked if there will be any votes taken on the school issue. Fran replied that this is an informational meeting with the flow of ideas going both ways.

**Motion made by to adjourn the meeting, seconded and passes unanimously.**